GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CLEARANCE TO HIRMA THERMAL POWER PROJECT IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental hazards are going to be occasioned by the construction of the HIRMA Thermal Power Project in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given their approval in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, whether the Government are likely to consider the opinion of the concerned State and the inhabitants of the area regarding the menace of pollution and ensure measures to address the problem as a pre-condition of clearance and approval; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b)&(c) 6x720 MW coal based Thermal Power Project in Jarsuguda District, Orissa ofM/s Consolidated Electric Power Asia (CEPA) Limited has not been accorded environmental clearance due to inadequate Environmental Management Plan envisaged for mitigation of the impacts due to the project.

(d)&(e) While apprising the project from environmental angle, views of the concerned State Departments and Orissa Pollution Control Board would be kept in view for evolving necessary safeguard measures to minimize the likely impacts.